OF THE YEAR IN THE DISTRICT EVENTS

THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

Prominent among discussions of citisens' associations in the District during the year was the subject of the proposed change of government for the Dis-

The right of suffrage in Washington has been talked of from every viewroad questions, jails, sewers and the subjects of interest to citizens have been investigated by committees the one big thing which looms large on ployers' Association published its openthe horizon is the strenuous discussion for and against a change of government. Toward the end of the year meetings were called by every one of the associations to go on record as approving or disapproving the proposition to have a single-headed government and the right to vote in the District.

October 22 a joint meeting was held. Nearly every association was represented by committee. The discussion was heat-It was decided that all associations should keep in touch with one or other on this vital subject.

PATRIOTIC

throughout the year by the activities of union musicians. The labor unions ensoldier and sailor societies and kindred tered a protest against the decision of the 2,000,000 men; its judgment that Samuel organizations. Love of country and its Attorney General. flag formed the theme of many meetings during 1908, and the soldier and sailor dead were honored.

Early last year the home of Francis Scott Key was dedicated, the services taking place February 23. The officers of the Department of the Potomac, G. R., were installed jointly with those of the Woman's Relief Corps, February Thomas Jefferson was eulogized by Mr. Bryce, British ambassador, April 13. Patriotic bodies met and protested against the desecration of the American flag, April 27. Impressive ceremonies marked the disinterment of the remains of George Clinton, first governor of New York, at Congressional cemetery and their transportation to New "American Unity" York state, May 27. William Jennings was discussed by Bryan. Memorial exercises for the dead of the war with Spain were held May 18. Memorial day, May 30, was celebrated by the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans and other organizations at Arlington and the local cemeteries. Citi-

zens made plans for a gorgeous display

of fireworks the Fourth of July.

the public schools of Washington Flag June 12, the speakers being citizens of the District. On the same day a large flag was hoisted over the old Francis Scott Key house in Georgetown. The survivors of the D. C. regiments in the civil war held memorial services, June 22. Spanish war veterans celebrated the enth anniversary of the fight at Las Guasimas, Cuba, June 26. The Fourth of July was celebrated with much enthusiasm throughout the District. garrisons of the Army and Navy Union the District protested against expulsion of the members of the Marine Corps from a theater, September 11. Dr. Wiley olution on "Patriotism," November 19. Notable improvements were made to the Soldiers and Sailors' Temporary Home by patriotic societies of women during the

CHARITIES

During the year 1908 the local charitable organizations reported progress along the ines of their endeavors. The usual summer outings of the Associated Charities to several of the nearby resorts and those of a number of fraternal organizations were given and all proved succ ssful.

Charles F. Weller, general secretary of the Associated Charities for seven years, resigned to enter the service of the board of charities in Pittsburg, Pa. George E. Hamilton was appointed a member of the board of charities by President Roosevelt, June 18. The "Four Hundred Club" was organized and raised \$4,000 deficit in the funds of the Associated Charities. The Marshall place northwest for girls July

\$2,000 toward the Chinese famine fund. mas Red, Cross stamps, for which a goodly sum was raised toward the prevention of tuberculosis fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Weller were tendered a reception at the Y. M. C. A in many years. building November 21, at which there was an attendance of over 2,000 persons. The the Commissioners for a modern system dence the longest and most costly trial at the Lincoln Temple, 11th and R streets plan generally has the approval of the ernment. Frederick A. Hyde, John A.

Rev. John Van Schaick, jr., pastor o the position of general secretary of the Associated Charities December 5. As yet

SOCIETY

Socially a satisfactory average maintained the past year at the capital White House hospitalityy has been in freand receptions followed one another in regular sequence. The only event out of the ordinary was the debut ball for Miss Ethel Roosevelt, December 28. About fifty-five debutantes were

sented in November and December. The visit of the next President and Mrs. Taft to the capital in early December

was made a continuous round of elegant The international marriages were those of Miss Helen Ffoulke and Mr. Emmanual Havenith, Belgian minister to Persia, and

Miss Harriet Norris to Mr. H. W. Ken- last year is the building of a new wharf at nard of the British embassy. rumored engagement of Miss Kath- | United States lighthouse service. erine Elkins to the Duke of the Abruzzi was the longest talked of gossip of the and beautifying of Potomac Park west issied the sentence of the law by turning

The Congressional Club.

spring, and its home, the southeast cor- across the inlet from the river to the States. Victor G. Bloede, indicted with during the past year fell 165 short of the trict. ner of 15th and K streets, formally open- tions of the park now separated by the ed by a reception in honor of the next water. President and Mrs. Taft December 11. Increasing interest has been shown in Mrs. James B. Perkins, wife of the rep- matters aquatic and the local boat and the y for five years. resentative from Rochester, N. Y., is the yacht clubs have had a prosperous year president. The membership consists of Many new power launches and pleasure the wives, sisters and daughters of sena- craft of various kind were added to the tors and members of Congress, and the local fleets. purpose of the club is to promote acquaintance among congressional women at | & the capital and to provide a general meeting place for them.

Another organization with purposes entirely social exists in the Archonides, a society to which the daughters of senato s and members alone are eligible. Miss Lamb of Virginia is president and Miss Helen Cannon honorary president. It is During the year of 1908 the National prehended in New Orleans, La., on an inconsidered as an affiliated branch of the considered as an affiliated branch of the Congressional Club.

The Coionial Dames have also established a Washington headquarters in the officers, made marked progress. The Gould Kemp pleaded guilty and was sensummer wing of the Arlington Hot l at pistol course recommended by the War tenced to the penitentiary for two years. Vermont avenue and H street. A formal Department was adopted for the local opening will take place after the necessary changes are made.

LABOR

upon Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and was issued to the brigade in April. Frank Morrison by Judge Wright; the

The matter of suffrage in the District of Columbia was given consideration by the Central Labor Union, and the decision reached that the voting right should be estored to the people of the District. Not much progress was made during the year with the project to erect a temple of labor in Washington. Organized labor in the District fought the proposed ap-While improvements, street rail- pointment of Mr. Rossiter as public printer because it was alleged he is not

a practical printer. Some excitement in labor circles was caused by the furloughing of 250 workmen in the navy yard April 1. The Emshop wage scale. Justice Gould enjoined bricklayers from interfering with openshop workers. May 8.

Frank A. Kidd was elected president of Columbia Typographical Union May 21. The decision was reached that the ema camp near the railroad roadhouses and outchers in the District entered upon a strike August 13. The managers of the dan. local packing houses declared open shop to butchers, August 15. Some of the bookbinders in the government printing office attempted to form an independent Labor day was fittingly cele-A leaven of patriotism was maintained brated. The Marine Band was exempted in the busy material affairs of life from the provisions of the law against throughout the year by the activities of navy bands entering into competition with

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Keeping pace with the rapid growth of the city, the Public Library during the The new arrangements of the stars past year advanced materially in spite of of the year when a temporary injunction on Old Glory, because of the admission limited appropriations. The volumes in laid against the American Federation of to statehood of Oklahoma, went into ef- the library now number more than 107,000. Labor, its officers and allied bodies, was The home circulation amounts to 525,000. These figures show a decided increase over those of last year. Perhaps the District Supreme Court in the spotlight most striking feature in the development of public interest throughout the year. of the library during 1908 is the useful Probably no decision of a court in this arts department. Although Washington country has been more widely read or is not considered an industrial city, this department was used by a large number two labor decisions, one by Justice Gould of persons seeking knowledge on industrial questions.

is shown by the steady falling off in the patronize" list in the American Federaapplications for works of romance, the large majority of the library's circulation | ber 23 by Justice Wright adjudging the for the year being represented by serious labor leaders in contempt of court for works, read by those who read for pur- alleged violations of the injunction. pose rather than pleasure.

matter the library has been extremely prevent the location of the substation of commissions. account of the number of interesting and instructive lectures that have been given | Water streets. The court dismissed the in its halls from time to time.

ALONG THE RIVER FRONT

During the year just closed the channels of the Potomac river in the vicinity of This writ required the Secretary to rethis city were dredged to a depth of twenaddressed the Sons of the American Rev- ty-two feet. The material taken from grade of Potomac Park and in reclaiming a new area of the Eastern branch the District Supreme Court sustained. flats. It is now possible for vessels drawing twenty-two feet of water to reach the piers at Georgetown on almost any tide, and deep water is also in the quire the Secretary to reverse his de-Eastern branch to the navy yard. The dredging work was started in the early spring and completed in about four ened to a depth of seven feet over the

> Two accidents, involving loss of life. Alexandria loading freight for a trip down gress. except the infant child of Maury Posey as a beneficiary of the pension fund. of Brooklyn, N. Y. The Trenton was raised, repaired and restored to service. Her officers were acquitted of responsibility by the coroner's jury and the steamboat inspectors.

greater part of its area.

November 3 the steamer Washington on the way to this city from Norfolk and collision between this city and Alexandria. The ferryboat was badly wrecked, The Red Cross Society August 3 gave the greater portion of one side being cut off by the bow of the Washington. The Southeast Settlement House at 324 Samuel Bilenken, a clothing salesman of Virginia avenue southeast was formally this city, was caught in the wreckage, dedicated November 9. The District of crushed and killed, and two women and Columbia Red Cross Society sold Christ- a child were injured. The accident occurred in a thick fog and the coroner's jury held no one responsible. They were that the conditions precedent to the paythe first lives of passengers lost in ac- ment of the money had been performed. cidents to steamboats on the Potomac

Colored Socia. Sett ement also tendered of docks is the first step in a plan for that ever occurred in the District Supreme them a reception the following evening the modernizing of the river front. The Court, resulting in a victory for the govwharf lessees.

The ruling of the Court of Appeals that the Church of Our Father, was tendered the Potomac river to the low-water mark on the Virginia side of the river is the ing the trial 135 witnesses testified, of property of the District of Columbia was whom 120 had been brought from the he has made no decision regarding the important legal decision of the year. Pacific coast at a cost of about \$42,000. It is held that a citizen of Virginia, stand- The defendants were represented by emiing on the Virgina shore and fishing with nent lawyers from New York, San Franviolating the District law and is liable to Attorney Daniel W. Baker and Assistant arrest and punishment. The Virginia fisherman will carry the case to the Supreme

While there was no building of conse nce along the river front during the year the old dilapidated icehouses that stood on the 9th street and the 14th street wharves were torn down and removed. On the site of the 9th street icehouse a shop for the American Ice company was

The opening of the new bridge across the Anacostia river was an event of the closing month of the year. The Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company placed a contract with the New-

erected.

ort News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock company for the construction of a modern propeller steamer for service on the route An improvement to the river front begun the foot of 9th street southwest for the

During the year 1908 the improvement of the Railroad and Highway bridges and about the tidal basin were continued. A dollar bills. Van Dyck pleaded guilty to number of new drives were added and The Congressional Club was formed last work is now in progress on a bridge ing conspiracy to defraud the United

DISTRICT NATIONAL GUARD

cording to reports of inspecting and other brigade. The insignia earned in small arms practice during 1907 and service Lundy and Thomas McCreery. medals were presented the 17th of February. The annual inspection and muster was held in March. A camp of instruction for the promotion of small arms dictment charging Thomas H. Pickford, practice was maintained on the rifl a contractor and builder of this city, and

Labor: the jail sentences pronounced with a team of midshipmen at Annapolis, upon Samuel Compers John Mitchell and May 9. The latest model army rifle The latest model army rifle The entire command paraded on the open-shop contest and the formation of a ellipse of the President's Park. Monday. 'mixed union" of employers and em- May 11, the occasion being in the nature of a formal farewell to Maj. Lloyd M. Brett, 1st U. S. Cavalry, whose term of to serve his sentence. service as adjutant general of the District

> adjutant general. Drills and parades were held on ellipse of the President's Park June 24. 26 and 29, when campaign badges were presented to those entitled to same. The Brigade Band and 1st Battery, Field Artillery, participated in the ceremonies the dedication of the new District

> building, July 4. The annual cruise of the Naval Battalion was aboard the U.S. S. Yankee. Toward the end of from July 17 to 27. the year the commander of the Naval Battalion called for the resignations of his officers, the intention being to reorganize the battalion.

The annual encampment of the brigade was at Fort Washington, Md., and Fort District of Columbia. The Central Labor guardsmen participating in coast defense Nedrey June 22. The Central Labor practical instructions in the armory and Union re-elected its old officers July 6, on the streets commenced October 1 and Terminal machinist strikers established continued until the Christmas holidays. The National Guard participated in the ome excitement followed, July 11. The parade November 25 in connection with

THE COURTS

The placing of its injunctive ban on an Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, leaders of the organization, violated this injunction and its imposition of jail sentences of six, nine and twelve months' imprisonment, respectively, for the alleged contempt, constitute the most important actions of the District Supreme Court during the year just closed. These decisions, coming at the beginning made permanent, and within a week of the year's demise when the contempt imprisonment was imposed, have kept the commented on at more length than these holding the boycott illegal and enjoining the use of the name of the Buck's Stove That the library is not a "fiction library" and Range Company on the "we don't tionist, and the decision rendered Decem-

The District Commissioners during the sistants to the United States attorney In addition to the circulation of reading year sought by mandatory injunction to to conduct the proceedings before both people of Washington on the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wash ington Railroad Company at 14th and petition and denied the writ, holding that as the Commissioners had once approved the site it was beyond their right to attempt to revoke the approval.

Against Secretary of Interior.

by the District Supreme Court in 1908. store to the rolls of the five civilized tribes of Indians the names of John E. Goldsby, Ida Allison and George A. Allison. The case was carried to the United States Supreme Court and the action of Other mandamus proceedings pending will be governed by this decision, and about 100 persons will be restored to these rolls. Many other attempts to recisions have failed.

Mandamus proceedings against the District Commissioners were filed in a nummonths. The tidal basin was also deep- ber of instances. The writ was granted on a petition of Sidney Bieber, former fire marshal of the District, who was dropped from the pension roll for failure occurred on the Potomac in 1908. May 4 to present himself for medical examinawhile the steamer Trenton was lying at i tion in accordance with an act of Con-The court sustains the contention alongside the wharf in eighteen feet of in the pension, of which he could not be water. All the passengers were rescued deprived, and ordered his reinstatement

> Pension for Policeman's Widow The Commissioners were also required

acted on it. The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Wilmington Railroad Company and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company each secured writs of mandamus compelling the Commissioners to sign orders on the Treasury of the United States for the

payment of \$1,500,000 to each company. Commissioners declin d to certify The payments were made. The year 1908 has the distinction of adding to the annals of criminal jurispru-

Benson, Henry P. Dimond and Joost H Schneider were called for trial April 1 last in the famous land fraud case. Dura net in the waters of the Potomac, is cisco and this city, while United States Attorney General A. B. Pugh appeared

for the government. Land Frauds Trial.

tending over twelve weeks, Frederick A. Hyde and Joost H. Schneider were conone-story frame storage building and work United States of vast tracts of its public at the trial, recently sentenced Hyde to the penitent ary for two years and to pay Schneider, who acted in the transaction as Hyde's employe, was sentenced to the penitentiary for one year and two months and to pay a fine of \$1,000. The case is tribunals.

> over to the marshal two five-thousanda technical violation of the statute coverhim, paid a fine of \$5.000. Edward Leon Thompson, otherwise malpractice and sentenced to the peniten- pared with 4,000 the year before.

Murder in First Degree. Albert Brown was convicted March 9 of

gallows June 29. Gaston P. Philip was acquitted June 1 local cab driver.

James Arthur Kemp, former chief clerk Guard of the District of Columbia, ac- dictment charging him with embezzlement of funds belonging to the District government. When arraigned before Just ce Representative J. Thomas Heffin of Alabama was indicted May 11 last for assaulting with a dangerous weapon Louis before the two judges of Police Court.

Collapse of Building.

The grand jury July 24 returned an in- 25,793 cases. Range Company's injunction against offi- on the local range in October. A rifle when a portion of the apartment house United States branch for important cases tion counsel, the court declared the con- destitute of proper parental care or unfit rolls. A contest was made in the court

at the corner of 20th and P streets. Albert M. Raymond, who fled the jurisprehended in June last living in St. Louis, Mo., and was removed to the penitentiary

"Ducky" Holmes otherwise called militia had expired. He was succeeded Henry L. Schrifogle, was convicted of by Maj. Samuel E. Smiley, U. S. A., as murder in the first degree November 19 in connection with the death of Mary Hamilton. The case is pending, awaiting the disposition of the motion filed for a a mislabeled headache remedy and the new trial.

William Jones, who attempted to shoot Charles Guiteau, the assassin of President Garfield, was indicted for murder in the second degree December 18, charged with the killing of John A. McPherson, Octo-

Patent Fraud Trial.

The first irregulaities that have been discovered in the United States patent office during its history were revealed in ployers' liability act is enforceable in the Hunt. Va., from July 26 to August 9, the Heany, who were called on in Criminal nion honored its secretary, sam Le- exercises with regular troops. Drills and fore Justice Gould and a jury the charge conspiring to commit an offense against the United States by substituting false records for genuine ones in the patent office. During the impaneling of he jury, Ned W. Barton, a former exthe unveiling of the statue of Gen. Sherl- aminer in the patent office, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary for three years. Barton went on the witness stand and swore that all the wrongful changes in the public records were made by him and the defendant Everding pursuant to an understanding them, and that the defendant Heany had no knowledge of what they, or either of them, had done. The jury convicted Everding and acquitted Heany.

The grand jury during the year returned 314 indictments; 304 persons were convicted. At the request of Attorney General United States, condemnation proceedings B street northwest between 21st and 23d streets. The latter ground is needed for an enlargement of Potomac Park, and an appropriation of \$70,000 is available for its acquisition. For the purchase of the five squares as a site for government Chief Justice Clabaugh October 1 appointed George Truesdell, George W. F. Swartzell and H. Rozier Dulany a commission to assess the value of the property in the five squares. The chief justice also selected Isaac E. Shoemaker, Thomas M. Harvey and James O'Donnell as commissioners to determine the value of the two squares to be added to Potomac Park. Hearings before both commissions are now in progress. Attorneys A. A. Birney, Morgan H. Beach, and David D. Caldwell were appointed as-

James H. Harris, warden of the District jail resigned last spring, and Capt. Thomas H. McKee was selected as his The first mandamus proceeding to be steps to ameliorate the crowded condisuccessful against the Secretary of the tion of the jail. He turned the chapel Interior for fourteen years was issued and library into dormitories, and thereby relieved the congestion materially. The condition of the jail had been the subject of much concern to Justice Wendell P. Stafford during his term on the criminal bench. During last year he declined to sentence any prisoners to that institution, but imposed workhouse sentences in such cases. He strongly urged on the Department of Justice the necessity of bettering the jail condition, and by his efforts succeeded in having a commission appointed to look into the jail conditions and to examine similar institutions throughout the country. The department appointed Justice Stafford, John Joy Edson and R. V. La Dow

on the commission. Building Association Failure.

William E. Ambrose was appointed by Justice Wright last July as receiver of the First Co-operative Building Association of Georgetown. When a number of the river she suddenly filled and sank of Mr. Bieber that he had a vested right stockholders asked the court to appoint by the court to place on the pension roll ed in having the company's safe opened nine days. Eighty-five per cent of these the name of the widow of Policeman and made the discovery that the books cases have resulted in convictions. Fletcher, who, after tendering his resig- of the association were missing and that Gospel Army opened a home at 218 John the ferry steamer Lackawanna were in nation, died before the authorities had no statement of its financial condition could be made. J. Barton Miller, who ratio of convictions has obtained. had been the secretary-treasurer of the association, was deposed and a successor

named. After the receiver was appointed a rule was laid on Mr. Miller, who was confined to his home by illness, to appear in court and show cause why the books years, and number about 400. In each should not be returned to the custody of instance the different defendants have the receiver. Miller answered that he been held in bonds ranging from \$200 to did not have the books in his possession \$5,000. and could not produce them. He invoked his constitutional prerogative not to be The crimes alleged against these 400 or required to testify against himself and more defendants, include assault with a Court, presided over by Judge William H. reason certain sections are not properly dec ined to make further explanation on dangerous weapon, embezziement, forgery, DeLacy, disposed of a total of 2,652 cases guarded, and has made repeated efforts

While he was still in bed a warrant was issued from the Police Court for his ceny. Among the highway robbery cases past year of the court has been a most day, "the department maintained its good arrest on a charge of destroying the there have been a dozen or more colored successful one, because of the salutary ef- record for energetic and efficient work books. Ball in the sum of \$10,000 was men held, charged with snatching pocketfurnished and the case is still pending.

Conveyances of Land.

ed by months follows January, 1,498; February, 1,388; March, 1,713; April, 1,772; After a bitterly fought legal battle, ex- May, 1.922; June, 1.934; July, 1,855; August, 1,371; September, 1,525; October, 2.158: November 1,746, and December,

During the year 1908 there was appraised in the office of the register of domain. The two other defendants were wills personal property worth \$4,531,acquitted. Justice Stafford, who presided 904.42, divided into 214 cases. There were 1.218 accounts handled and 1.124 letters answered. The number of wills filed for probate was 575, and there were 900 witnesses examined concerning them. There were 941 bonds taken and ap-

proved by the courts; 134 applications for guardianships, and 769 applications for letters of administration or collection. now awaiting review by the appellate The stenographers have executed 7,792 pages of typewriting, 7,394 of which were The highest fine ever paid in open court pages in the records. In conducting the fice there were 4.500 letters sent Van Dyck November 5 last, when he sat- notifying fiduciaries to render account to the register of wills.

Cupid Not Very Busy.

the number of marriage licenses issued steady and gradual growth of the Dis- court rendered an opinion, in which the number issued in 1907. Cupid made happy known as "Dr. Leon," was convicted of 3,925 couples during the year, as com- are those where gambling, policy playing, A shortage is also noticeable in the

during the year, only 690 having been commenced, as against 760 i nthe previous murder in the first degree for killing his year. Eight more persons either took of court has also been heavy for the brother, and explated his crime on the advantage of the bankruptcy law or were forced into bankruptcy by their creditors last year than in 1907, the number being by Judge Kimbail pronouncing the old all the year round, and each time they 62, as against 54. The only increase noon an indictment charging him with the ticeable in the business of the clerk's murder of Frank B. Macaboy, a former office in the number of lawsuits filed; 1.184 declarations were filed this year, as compared with 1,056 last year.

THE POLICE COURTS

In the United States branch 5,928 cases were recorded, and in the District branch bakers' supp ies and labor. The total receipts in fines and collateral

cers of the American Federation of team representing the guard competed then in course of construction collapsed affecting affairs in the District and com- tention of the defense good law and dising under the United States statutes. Violations of the pure food and drugs missd the charges diction after he was convicted several act and prosecutions under recent interyears ago of criminal libel and sentenced state commerce provisions affecting to the penitentiary for five years, was ap- street car traffic in the city have been Alma C. Arnold, appeared before Judge applications of children following one voamong them.

The Harper Case.

year was that in which Robert N. Har- up the plea that treatment other than per was accused of violating the pure with the regular appliances and drugs of food and drug act in the manufacture of sale of a misbranded article involving treatment practiced by Dr. Arnold or sim-

The trial was unique in that it was the first arraignment of a detendant under the law and the legal phases it developed. The defense attacked the constitutionality of the law. The trial began before a jury in the

middle of February and continued for over four weeks. A verdict of guilty was rendered on two counts of the information filed.

The course of the trial was marked by possibly the best expert testimony available in the country as to the relative several drugs in the compound, and whether or not any of the drugs or certain ones in the remedy possessed distinct food value. The government pharmacologists appeared for the prosecution. At the conclusion of the taking of testimony the usual motions preparatory to carrying the case to the upper courts were made. These were overruled in the early part of April. Several days later a fine of \$700 was imposed on the defendant. Because of a desire to eliminate the criminal character of the proceedings, in which the defendant was involved as a result of the seizure of a quantity of his headache remedy, the fine was paid. The questions involved in the appeal were left to be settled in a civil action.

Other Pure Food Cases.

Following the Harper trial fully twenty two exceptions verdicts of guilty in all nances. to acquire title to seven squares of ground in the District. Five of the squares lie these cases have been obtained by As- lunchrooms, drug stores, meat stands, sout hof Pennsylvania avenue between sistant United States Attorneys Ralph grocery stores, dairies, market stands, 14th and 15th streets, and two south of Given and James Proctor. A number of hotel kitchens, bake shops and candy

Among the alleged offenses of this character were the manufacture of and mislabeling old butter, mislabeling mineral waters, mislabeling lard, mislabeling buildings Congress appropriated \$2,500,000, eggs and manufactures of and mislabeling flour.

Practically all cases of milk and cream act, on the allegation that adulterated milk or cream is a mislabeling as a pure dairy product. This particular phase of ing large proportions. About 65 per cent workhouse in default of \$300 fine. of the cases already filed are what are known as "milk cases.

cently Judge Mullowny, sitting in the city for selling on Sunday. United States branch of the court, scored Defendants arraigned for selling liquor J. W. Mattingly and Thomas P. Hartigan wholesale dealers who refused to give a to minors have been many. Compara- Lieut. Thomas Anderson was designated guarantee of purity of their milk to retail tively few have been convictions, because to take charge of the Anacostia district. men they supplied. the retailer, compelled to buy adulterated providing that knowledge of the age of clerk of the department, who disappeared milk, bore responsibility for sening poor milk, adulterated by those who supplied be in possession of the defendant before leans, returned and given a sentence of

The court announced that if any one successor. Capt. McKee, on taking was brought before him caught in the charge of the jail, began to improve the act of adulterating dairy products the severest penalty under the law would be meted out upon conviction.

Few Street Car Cases.

Of interstate commerce cases fully fif teen defendants have been arraigned. Fine ranging from \$20 to \$5 have been imposed following convictions.

In each case the accused were motormen of the Washington street railway lines, and were haled into court for violating the recent set of rules and regulations promulgated at the instance of the interstate commerce commission regulating were found heavy sentences were imposed. Washington street car traffic. The specific illegal acts were excessive running and crossing intersecting tracks at a greater rate of speed than permitted by the regulations in question.

The first case was called for trial in July last, at which time there seemed to be a disposition to attack the law by the Consequent conferences, howprosecuting officers disposed of this to \$10 were imposed.

Probably the largest number of cases before the United States branch of the court have been assault cases with larceny cases a close second. About oneopposed the action, claiming that the com- third the defendants arraigned have been pany was solvent and had assets of about upon the charge of assault. Sentences 200,000. The day before a hearing as have been imposed ranging anywhere ordinances, which provide for an absoto the appointment of a receiver was from fifteen days in jail in default of a had the officers of the company succeed- nominal fine to eleven months and twenty-Larceny cases have numbered about 125 -less than assault cases. About the same

Held for Grand Jury.

action of the grand jury has been large. July 14 last after an illness of ten days.

Decided increase has been noted in case of threats and have been principally where men have menaced their wives or children with bodily injury. Whisky or \$100 to \$300, to keep the peace are required. Whereever the opportunity presents itself and the case is not of vicious character the defendant is allowed to go upon his personal recognizance.

Among other offenses have been fish law violations and violations of the law regulating the sale of tobacco to minors. In the former sort there were between twenty and twenty-five cases presented for consideration last spring and summer. town and that section of the District lying west of the city along the Potomac river. Twenty convictions were obtained and heavy penalties imposed.

There have been an unusually small number of cases where defendants were charged with selling tobacco to minors, the total being about seventeen, of which i fifteen were convictions or formal forfeitures of collateral.

Of cases few in number during the year set forth by his counsel.

hand-bookmaking, malicious destruction number of equity proceedings instituted States have been charged.

as medical practice in the District is con- was before the court. cerned.

and dismissed the case.

strictly termed p acticing medicine.

duct, unlawful assembly and habitual corrigibility and throwing missiles. drunkard cases. Extreme penalties were \$30 fine

Status of Practioners.

the recognized physician could not be

Judge Mullowny's decision excluded the

ilar treatments from these properly com-

ing within the meaning of the regulations

In the second case, the defendant, Dr.

tences in these cases were usually six Lacy. fifty-dollar fine. During the summer months an exten-

sive lunchroom crusade was started by This particular feature of the court has the District authorities which gradually widened into a general crusade upon filth three years until at the present time as and insanitary places where food was kept or prepared for sale. The vigor of during a week. Of the six hundred and the crusade lasted for about two months. more cases of non-support for the year, During its existence no less than 125 cases a large majority have resulted in conwere brought into the District branch of viction and a workhouse sentence imthe Police Court

The large majority were fined sums ranging from \$5 to \$20. Especially in lunch- range from \$1.50 to \$15 and \$18. The room cases were penalties heavy, many Bonaparte, United States Attorney Baker cases of violations of the act have been defendants being fined \$25, the maximum fully twenty cases which have resulted in last August instituted, on behalf of the filed up to the present time. With but allowed by the health department ordi-

stores. There were a fair number of barber shops and undertaking establishment inspections, the great majority of which resulted in convictions and heavy fines.

Liquor Law Violations Few.

Liquor cases were fewer in number than for three years. But forty-one defendadulteration in the District have been ants were arraigned charged with vioprosecuted under the pure food and drugs lating the excise regulations. Thirty-two convictions were obtained out of the entire number and heavy sentences imposed. the prosecutions under the act is assum- the average being five months in the The majority of the defendants in the liquor cases were colored men and wom-In disposing of several such cases re- en, taken up in various sections of the of the department during the year, the

> As a consequence of the recent interpretations of the law James Arthu. Kemp, the absconding chief the youth in purchasing the liquor must in July, 1907, was captured in New Ora convction can be obtained. Out of forty- two years in the penitentiary. five or more cases in the year there have been no more than a dozen convictions. Cruelty to animal cases has been greatly reduced in the past year. The serious cases number not more than seventy-five,

> > in which there have been sixty-two convictions The smoke law and the veterinarian law there have not been as many cases as in the previous year. Of smoke law defendants there have been about eighty-five cases of any consequence, in which convictions or forfeitures of collateral were obtained in all. There have been about thirty-five cases coming under the veterinarian law, and where verdicts of guilty

Dog Muzzling Troubles.

Cases resulting from the dog muzzling order of the District Commissioners were many, though the greater mapority were registered as collateral forfeitures. About 200 cases were disposed of, an dof these jectionable houses in the vicinity of the there were not more than eighteen or ever, between attorneys for railways and twenty acquittals. iFnes ranging from \$1 in connection with the enforcement of

> the higher courts. The conviction of ditional stands made additional work. Judge Mullowny, however, was affirmed, and the fine originally imposed duly paid. In cases under the cocaine and opium lute jail sentence upon conviction, there | Acting under directions of the super have been about 100 cases before the intendent of police, the force engaged in court, in which eighty-eight convictions a crusade against noises. One of the or forfeitures of heavy collateral were first cases taken before the Police Court-

During the pats year Joseph Y. Potts, missed. for many years chief clerk of the Police Court, died, and Francis A. Sebring, formerly financial clerk, was appointed to the vacancy. Mr. Potts' death occurred

THE JUVENILE COURT

During the year of 1908 the Juvenile the plea that it might tend to incriminate bigamy, arson, rape, seduction, false pre- with still nearly a hundred pending, both tenses, highway robbery and grand lar- in the juvenile and adult charges. The fect of punishment meted out to husbands who fail to support their wives and children after a substantial probationary term under a suspended sentence to comply with his marital obligations. The drugs are usually the basis of these cases. court has also had a most successful year Comparatively light bonds, ranging from in its probation system for juvenile offenders and its tendency to draw the youthful culprit away from former bane-

> fect in the court during the past year vas the child labor act of May 28, 1908. nder this act about twenty-seven defendants have so far been arraigned and tried and in each instance the beneficent purposes of the law were revealed. Of the cases presented for consideration of the defendants principally from George- this character before Judge De Lacy two were of great importance in defining merchandise in the meaning of the act and parent's duty to his child. The first was that against Lynn L. Reider, charged with employing a boy

A noteworthy law which went into ef-

ful influences.

under fourteen years of age to deliver newspapers before 6 o'clock in the morning. In this case the child labor law was viciously attacked by counsel for the defense, in that it was unconstitutional because it created class legislation and that within the meaning of the law news-The business of the United States papers could not be properly called mer-branch has been heavy, the summer particularly being the busiest for years. The the prosecution and defense were prolong. from his horse while riding along Ben-Notwithstanding the leap year privilege, cause of this increase is attributed to the number of marriage licenses issued steady and gradual growth of the ried over for several days before the Three off defendant was acquitted upon the grounds

> mann, proprietor of a meat stand in one Esser. of the local markets. The defendant was of property and larceny from the United charged in two separate informations accident. The guestion of responsibility with employing his two young sons, aged will be determined when suits are heard Though the work of the District branch eleven and thirteen years, respectively, in the civil courts. about his place of business. The prosecution contended there was a violation of speed of ambulances belonging to hosyear, there have been few important cases the law, because of the fact that the boys pitals. The corporation counsel held they disposed of. The exceptions are a ruling were found about the stand on Saturdays were not exempt. bread law of the District unconstitutional, were observed by the inspectors they were and a ruling by Judge Mullowny defin ng found working. With testimony to this prosecutions of street car companies for the status of persons treating patients by effect the prosecution asserted that a a massage or methods akin to it, so far bona fide case of a violation of the act

In the first case Geoige Hauf, a baker, that the employment of sons about their appealed against the provisions of the father's place of business was not a viobroad ordinance which required the bak- lation of the law as to either its intent ers of the city to manufacture loaves of or meaning, and particularly so when bread at a stated weight fixing a mini- neither of the boys received wages for mum. This was brought about by a con- their work, and were about the meat During the past year 31,721 cases were certed effort on the part of different bak- stand at the instance of the father to ers to bake smaller loaves at 5 cents each learn the business. The court dismissed in order to earn a reasonable profit be- the case, giving as his reason that a the conditions as a "reign of terror." His cause of the steady rise in the prices of fa her has a perfect right to train his child as a successor to his business, and asking for more policemen for the Dis-The law was attacked upon the ground to bring him under such influences which trict. Shortly afterward Maj. Sylvester that it was unconstitutional in that it in- would give him proper business instincts. terfered with the right of an individual At the present time there are 362 chilforfeltures totaled \$101.118.39. This was to make a contract. Argum nt ensued dren convicted of minor offenses at libfive days of discussion by attorneys rep- bation officers.

tion of the court during the year. 'At the time the child labor law went into effect and for fully five weeks afterward the court was daily deluged with cation or another applying for permits Mullowny, charged with failing to comto carry on their work. In all between ply with regulations governing the regis- 1,300 and 1,400 permits of this character

Perhaps the most important case of the tering of physicians. The defendant set were issued at the Juvenile Court Number of Juvenile Cases.

Of the 2600 and more cases before the court by far the larger number in the number of cases respectively amounted to 580 and 490. Other serious offenses Of the 25,000 and more cases which upon which juvenile defendants were came up before the District branch of the tried and in which the number of cases court by far the larger number-over two. reached over a hundred were assaults. thirds-were vagrancy, disorderly con-children destitute of suitable homes, in-

In all of the cases presented about rare, and imposed upon several occasions per cent resulted in convictions, and of only where there was no chance of the those convicted not more than 25 per accused coming within the legal view of cent were committed to the reform respectable citizenship. The average sen-school. A large balance of the youthful tence in these cases was about four culprits were placed upon periods of promonths in the workhouse in default of a bation ranging anywhere from a few months to several years, and as wards of Probably 100 cases of concealed weap- the court, so to speak, were looked after ons came before the court and eighty- and guided by the efficient probation staff nine convictions were recorded. The sen- under the personal direction of Judge De

months in the workhouse in default of a In the adult cases the number for the past year has reached about 700, in which the principal charge was non-support increased at an enormous rate in the pass many as twelve or more cases are heard posed and suspended upon condition the Of the total number arraigned there defendant pay those who are dependent were not more than twenty acquittals. upon him stated sums weekly or monthly for their maintenance. These amounts officers of the Juvenile Court point to complete domestic harmony as a result of their efforts.

WITH THE POLICE

Many things of interest to members of he police department have happened dur-

There has been no increase in crime, as compared with recent years, and the department has been fortunate in arresting many violators of the law. Not a person charged with homicide, it is stated by the police, escaped.

There was perhaps the usual number of petty therts, a few big robberies and a number of women were robbed on the streets, some of them having been assaulted. Death claimed several members

Police Force Not Increased.

The question of increasing the police force was brought to public notice several Representative Coudrey was One suggestion was that federal guard have been rigidly enforced, although should be stationed at the White House street duty. It was also suggested that certain other detailed officers be relieved by the appointment of guards or watchmen to perform the duties assigned to

> them. Nothing definite was done. Maj. Sylvester failed in an effort to have badges of hackmen changed each year, as is done with dog tags. The elimination of the gambling feature at races was pleasing to the police officials. It also meant less work for the police Action taken by the police resulted in a decided decrease in the number of ob-

new Municipal building. Two policemen were assigned to duty the child labor law. The opening of the The law was vigorously attacked by Dr. new Union station called for the detail of Cecil French, in one of the first cases to additional policemen. The appearance of came up, an dan appeal was taken to taxicabs and the establishment of ac-Maj. Sylvester took up the question of

getting a pair of dogs for use by the police department, the New York police having met with some success with them that of a man for whistling-was dis-

The opening of so many so-called fivecent theaters during the year gave the department considerable additional work Black Hand After Chief.

Early in the year Maj. Sylvester received an alleged "Black Hand" letter. Policemen guarded his house until the scare was

He has constantly called attention to the

inadequate number of policemen as the

to have the force increased. Despite its weakness, numerically. said the superintendent of police yester-

during the year. The record of arrests will aggregate more than \$2,000 for the twelve months. There were a number of pocketbook snatching cases which resulted in unusual activity on the part of the police, Arrests

were made in more than one-half of

Because of numerous complaints made about children using the streets and sidewalks on roller skates, effort was made to put a stop to the practice. cause there was no regulation upon the subject not much was accomplished. The rules of the road were promulgated in pamphlet form by the police depart-The most important change con ment. tained in the rules was the change in New York and Pennsylvania avenues, the new regulation declaring each of them to be

one thoroughfare instead of two, as theretofore. The annual inspection of the members of the police department resulted in the Wight trophy being won by the fourth precinct. That precinct won it the preeding year

Maj. Sylvester was elected president of the International Association of Police Chiefs for the tenth successive time:

Casualties Among Police. Policeman William E. Yetton of the ninth precinct was killed by being thrown

Three other members of the force were injured in a collision between a patrol wagon and street car. They were W. H The other case was that of Anton Ost- Buckingham, W. B. Mulhall and A.

> Railroad employes were blamed for the Question was raised concerning the

Under a new law the interstate commerce commission took charge of the violating the speed laws. The police census showed a total popula-

tion of 339,403, of which 97,483 were For the defense the attorneys argued colored. War was made on dealers who had a certain make of candy slot machines embodying an element of chance. The fight resulted in convictions and forfeiture of recognizances.

Early in February Representative Sims took occasion to refer to the numerous cases of pocketbook snatching, describing speech was fo lowed by Senator Allison took occasion to praise the members of his command.

There was a proposition made to amend The principal interest in labor circles in range during May. June and July. Rifle Albert S. Reavis with manslaughter in a decrease of over \$3,500 from receipts of upon these grounds before Judge Kimball erty as wards of the court and always the pension law relating to members of the principal interest in labor circles in the past year have been at Camp Perry, Ohio, and Sea Girt, N. J., the previous year. The number of cases the early part of last October, and, after under the excellent influences of the probeen taken an effort was made to drop in connection with the Buck Stove and and the annual competitions were held West. West was crushed to death June 9, The past year has been notable in the resenting the defendant and the corpora-